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SUBJ: ALLIANCE EAST-WEST STUDY - PUBLIC STATEMENT

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 3476; (B) STATE 133295

1. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING CALLED BACK EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO INFORM US OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION CONCERNING OUR APPROACH URGING AN IMMEDIATE DEMARCHE BY THE DANISH EMBASSY IN PARIS (REF B).

2. BIERRING SAID THAT THE DANES AGREE FULLY WITH THE NEED FOR SUCH A STATEMENT, BUT THAT IT WAS APPARENT THAT
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THE FINAL DRAFTING EXERCISE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLAE IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT WE CAN COUNT ON STRONG DANISH SUPPORT THERE FOR SUCH A STATEMENT, BUT, EVEN IN THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES (THAT IS, IF THE FRENCH WOULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY STATEMENT), IT SEEMS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE

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ALLIES ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO AGREE ON LANGUAGE
THAT IS AS COMPLETE AS THE U.S.-- OR FOR THAT MATTER
THE DANES--MIGHT WISH.

3. BIERRING SAID THAT THE DANES DOUBT THAT A "FORMAL
DEMARCHE," IN PARIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE
BUT THE DANISH EMBASSY IS BEING INSTRUCTED URGENTLY
"TO GET ACROSS TO THE FRENCH AT A HIGH LEVEL" THE
SIGNIFICANCE THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO
THE ISSUANCE OF A STATEMENT.

4. COMMENT: WE CONVEYED TO BIERRING THE LARGELY
POSITIVE REACTION TO THE INSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN
PARA TWO REF B THAT U.S. EMBASSIES IN MOST OF THESE
CAPITALS HAVE REPORTED. THIS, PLUS OUR EMPHASIS
ON U.S. HIGHEST LEVEL INTEREST IN THE STATEMENT,
ENCOURAGED BIERRING TO REACH THE CONCLUSION SET
OUT ABOVE IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH. DEPARTMENT
WILL RECALL THAT FRENCH-DANISH RELATIONS HAVE RECENTTY
BEEN RUFFLED BY STATEMENTS MADE BY THE DANISH PRIME
AND FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH DID NOT PLEASE THE
FRENCH. END COMMENT.
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